

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the written description:

Please amend the paragraph at page 5, lines 30-31 as follows:

The apparatus according to the present invention is ~~characterized by what is stated in the characterizing part of claim 26.~~ an apparatus for discharging polymer from a continuously operated gas phase reactor, wherein at least one monomer is polymerized in a bed containing active catalyst formed by catalyst and polymer particles suspended in a fluid, said bed defining a fluidized bed level in said reactor, said apparatus comprising

– an outlet nozzle communicating with the fluidized bed of the gas phase reactor,

– a collecting vessel placed in communication with the outlet nozzle for separating gas from solid material, with a screen for collecting the lumps and a separate discharge nozzle for the lumps;

– a continuously operating valve for adjusting the amount of polymer powder withdrawn from the reactor via the outlet nozzle; and

– means for controlling the operation of the valve for adjusting the discharge rate of the polymer powder so as to maintain a constant bed level during polymerization.